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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN AND DEER PARK MONSTER MINI-GOLF HOST EVENT FOR MILITARY CHILDREN *Military families treated to a day of mini golf and games.*



Legislator Steve Stern hosted a day of miniature golf and games for military families to celebrate "Month of the Military Child" at Monster Mini Golf in Deer Park on Saturday, May 10.

HUNTINGTON, NY—Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th LD, Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, hosted a day of free miniature golf, games, pizza and more at Monster Mini Golf in Deer Park on Saturday, May 10 to celebrate "*Month of the Military Child.*"

Steve Gramolini and John Nicolette, owners of Monster Mini-Golf in Deer Park, graciously donated the use of their facility for the celebration. The children enjoyed mini-golf, video games, a book reading, pizza and snacks while their parents were able to spend time with other military families. Legislator Stern introduced legislation recognizing the "*Month of the Military Child*" to honor the sacrifices made not only by the brave men and women serving our great nation, but by their families, as well.

“As Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, I have the great honor of working with and for our military members and their families, and am acutely aware of the immense sacrifices they make on a daily basis,” Legislator Stern said. “It is vitally important to support these families and especially their children, not just with words, but with action. I am pleased to host this event for the children and their families as a way to give back and let them know we support them. I would also like to thank John and Steve for their incredible generosity and dedication to our servicemen and women and their families.”

Suffolk County 4-H Youth Development provided backpacks for the children and Long Island Cares - the Harry Chapin Food Bank provided healthy snacks for the military families. Additionally, author Valerie Pfundstein read her book, *“Veterans: Heroes in our Community,”* to the children, who were each sent home with a free copy.

“I thank everyone who helped make this event a resounding success,” Legislator Stern said. “Our military children and families deserve our support and must know that we as a community are here for them and recognize their sacrifices for our great nation.”